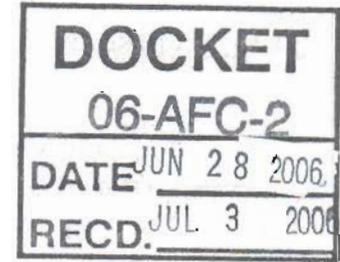


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Robert Worl  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9th Street, MS-15  
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**SUBJECT:** REVIEW OF THE AES HIGHGROVE POWER PLAN PROJECT

Dear Mr. Worl:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed demolition of the former Highgrove Generating Station and construction of the new Highgrove Power Plant (HPP) located at 12700 Taylor Street, in an industrialized zoned area in the City of Grand Terrace, San Bernardino County.

In reviewing the project, the City notes that a gas pipeline is proposed to traverse the City of Riverside along Iowa Avenue and Canyon Crest Drive from Main Street to the north to approximately Mission Grove Parkway to the south. The City is undergoing major street improvements that could potentially be affected by the proposed gas pipeline. In an effort to minimize conflicting schedules and unnecessary delays the following comments are provided:

1. The City is scheduled to commence construction for the widening of Canyon Crest Drive in the first quarter of July of 2007 and is anticipating to complete this project within 6 months of the starting date. The City has a two-year moratorium for trenching on new roadways, which may delay commencement of your project. It is recommended that the Gas Company and project proponents work closely with the City.
2. The City may limit construction activities to evening hours, particularly when such activities involve construction on heavily traveled roadways. Please contact the Public Works Department at 951-826-5341 for specific days and hours of operation.
3. It is recommended that you coordinate construction of the project with a proposed grade separation at Iowa Avenue, which is anticipated to begin in 2009. The City will not bear the cost of moving or monitoring service on this new dedicated facility.

4. Given the physical impediments and constraints that the City's street improvements may pose on your project, it may be to the best interest of your organization to consider alternate routing options for the proposed gas pipeline.
5. The Public Utilities Department is aware of this project and has no further comments.

The City further acknowledges that the proposed facility will be replacing an existing and outdated facility. The City, however, is concerned about the aesthetic impacts the facility could potentially have along the freeway corridor and the City's Gateway due to its proximity to the 215 Freeway and the City's northern sphere of influence. It is, therefore, recommended that the proponent of this project work closely with City in mitigating these impacts.

Coordination of your project with the City to address these matters would be greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Patricia Brenes, Senior Planner at 951-826-5933 or [pbrenes@riversideca.gov](mailto:pbrenes@riversideca.gov)

Sincerely,



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